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SUBJECT: DIVISION OF IGS TRAFFIC BETWEEN TEGEL/EMPELHOF

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1. PA OFFICIALS RUNNETTE AND GALLAGHER CALLED ON MISSION FEB 10 TO REPORT THEIR INTENTION TO "GO UNDER-GROUND" ON QUESTION OF PA REMAINING AT TEMPELHOF. RUNNETTE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PA WOULD BE AT DIS-ADVANTAGE IF PUBLIC DEBATE CONTINUED IN FACE OF STRENUOUS SENAT OPPOSITION TO ANY CHANGE IN PLANS FOR TEGEL.

2. ACCORDINGLY, PA WILL BE TAKING FOLLOWING LINE WITH PRESS: RE-EMERGENCE OF IDEA THAT ONE CARRIER REMAIN AT TEMPELHOF IS NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF DISCLOSURESOF PA/BA ROUTE SWAP AGREEMENT. IF ALL PARTIES WERE AGREEABLE TO SUCH ARRANGEMENT, PA WOULD CERTAINLY CONSIDER IT CAREFULLY. HOWEVER, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, PA IS PROCEEDING WITH ITS PLANNING FOR
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THE MOVE TO TEGEL.

3. COMMENT: SHOULD PA'S PRESS RELEASE SUCCESSFULLY
DEFLATE ISSUE FOR REMAINDER OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN, PA
SHOULD EMERGE WITHOUT TOO MUCH DAMAGE TO ITS PUBLIC
IMAGE. THIS SITUATION COULD BE IMPROVED IF PA AND
BA WERE ABLE TO TAKE NEXT STEP OF CONVINCING BERLIN
PUBLIC THAT ROUTE SWAP WILL RESULT IN BETTER SERVICE
TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC, E.G. THROUGH BETTER
STAGGERING OF FLIGHTS. GEORGE

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